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SUBJ: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE - PRC DELEGATE BLASTS SUPERPOWERS
BUT SUPPORTS SOME INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

SUMMARY: IN ADDITION TO THEMES FORESHADOWED EARLIER (SUPER-
POWER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS AND THE
VALUE OF SELF-RELIANCE AS A POLICY FOR THE LDC'S) THE PRC'S
ADDRESS TO THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE HELD OUT THE PROSPECT
OF LIMITED PRC SUPPORT--AT LEAST VERBAL--FOR SOME FORMS OF
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. THE PRC DELEGATE SUPPORTED
THIRD WORLD DEMANDS FOR THE TRANSFER OF AGRICULTURAL TECH-
NOLOGY, AND STATED IT WAS NECESSARY TO RENDER TIMELY AND
EFFECTIVE AID TO LDC'S IN ACUTE FOOD DIFFICULTIES. END
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1. THE PRC'S NOVEMBER 7 ADDRESS TO THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (DESCRIBED IN AN NCNA ARTICLE DATED NOVEMBER 7) FOLLOWED THEMES ALREADY FORESHADOWED IN EARLIER PEKING NEWS ARTICLES (SEE REFTEL), INCREASED THE VERBAL ATTACKS ON THE SUPERPOWERS (ESPECIALLY THE US), AND STRONGLY UNDERLINED ITS VIEW THAT SOLUTION OF THE FOOD PROBLEM MUST BE "CLOSELY LINKED" WITH THIRD WORLD STRUGGLE AGAINST THE BIG POWERS. AFTER ALL THIS POSTURING PRC DELEGATION HEAD HAO CHUNG-SHIH, WHO IS A VICE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, GOT DOWN TO PRACTICALITIES.

2. HE SAID THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO RENDER "TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE AID IN ALL FORMS" TO THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ACUTE FOOD DIFFICULTIES. IN LINE WITH PEKING'S SUPPORT FOR THE "JUST ACTIONS" BY OPEC COUNTRIES, HAO ASSERTED THAT THE "MAIN RESPONSIBILITY" FOR SUCH AID SHOULD BE SHOULDERED BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, BUT HE DID ALLOW FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO AID ONE ANOTHER "ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS."

3. EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DEMAND BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR THE TRANSFER OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY, HAO SAID SUCH TRANSFER SHOULD BE "PRACTICAL, EFFECTIVE, ECONOMICAL AND CONVENIENT FOR USE." HE GAVE NO INTIMATION OF PRC INTENTIONS REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN SUCH TRANSFERS EITHER AS A DONOR OR RECIPIENT.

4. KNOWN CHINESE UNWILLINGNESS TO DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITIES OR TO DIVULGE MEANINGLESS STATISTICS APPEARED TO BE UNDERLINED IN ONE PASSAGE. AFTER SAYING THAT SOVEREIGNTY MUST BE RESPECTED, HAO STRESSED THAT "NO INTERNATIONAL FOOD MEASURES SHOULD BE IMPOSED ON ANY COUNTRY OR INTERFERE IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS."

5. HAO ALSO REITERATED STANDARD PRC POSITIONS ON THE NEED FOR EQUALITY IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ON EQUAL REPRESENTATION FOR ALL COUNTRIES, LARGE OR SMALL, RICH OR POOR. DECLARING SUPERPOWER MONOPOLY AND CONTROL "ABSOLUTELY IMPERMISSIBLE," HAO VOICED PRC SUPPORT FOR THE "FULL RIGHT" OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO "TAKE PART

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